

BY THE L. DEPUTIE AND COUNCELL.

MORN TIO Y.



Hereas Hugh Neale, of the simple and ignorant called O Neale, was from her Maiesties free and gracious disposition, not onely innobled to the title and dignitie of Earle of Tyrone; but also by like grace, bountifullly enriched with diuers large & great authorites and possessions, without any colour or title thereunto, which by him could be made, and at no time so much as once touched for his many apparent and knowne disloyall and vndutifull misdemeanours, in hope that his amendment might haue satisfied his punishment, vntill about five years past, he the said Hugh, forgetting not onely his dutie towards God, her Maiestie, and countrie, but also so many fauours and great graces, did not onely in person enter into most detestable & vnnaturall rebellions against her crowne and dignitie, and endeuoured and in part performed the drawing into this Realme forren forces, of her Maiesties professed and knowne enemies, with alluring, prouoking, and violently vrging her Maiesties auncient and dutifull subiects, to partake with him in his confederacies and rebellions; but also most falsely now of late, suggesting to couer his canckered and long festered treasonable disposition, that hee intended a defence for them against the seueritic of her Maiesties lawes made against their long enjoyed religion, restitution of auncient liberties, by right due vnto him and them; and a purpose to preuent an vter extirpation and rooting out of them and their posterities, from their countrie liberties and auncient possessions, matters by himselfe meerly counterfeited and inuented, himselfe well knowne to be irreligious, of Barbarous life, a cruell oppressor of his countrie people, and of worse affections then may be recited: whereas by long experiance of her Maiesties milde and mercifull gouernment, it hath appeared that such courses neuerso much as by probable conjecture, did or could enter into her Maiesties Princely hart, much lesse to haue bin by her performed; but his onely true and knowne purpose being to draw their dependancie, so as by him they might be oppressed with bearing Bonaghts, yeelding of intollerable paiments, exactions, and oppressions, vnder which they haue long groaned and grieved, and not to returne to her Maiesties mercisfull gouernment, but to continue and to contain them vnder his tyrannie for euer. All which his intentions and actions we and long known vnto her Maiestie, and yet by her tollerated, it pleased her Princely hart, out of her accustomed mercies, to the end the wiser might not be excused by want of remembrance; nor the simpler be led awry by lacke of knowledge, openly to proclaime the said Hugh traitour vnto her Maiestie, her countrie, and gouernment; and yet neuerthelesse to make her exceeding mercies more manifest, was pleased in diuers and sundrie places, to the end to reclame him and his adherents, so by his before recited means deceiued, to their auncient subiects, to offer vnto him and them her Maiesties free pardon, for their liues, lands, liberties, and possessions, which by him was as oftentimes obstinately refused, as graciously offered. And now at last, the said Hugh foreseeing he may no longer withstand her Maiesties forces, and failing of his long hoped forraigne assistance, now intendeth to leaue this poore deceiued people to her Maiesties condigne iustice, by them deserued; or to her accustomed mercie, which she never forgetteth, and so to retire himselfe as a Bush-kearn, to his woluish dennes and desart fastnes, some smal time to escape his deserued iudgement: which to preuent, & to free her subiects of their former bondage and burthens: I the now L. Deputie, with consent of her Maiesties Councell heere present, for, and in her name and behalfe, doe promise to any person or persons, that shall deliuer the bodie of the said Hugh in life vnto the said Lord Deputie, foure thousand Markes; and to such person or persons, as shall bring in his head, or sufficient proofe, that hee or they haue procured and performed his death, the summe of two thousand Markes, togither also with her Maiesties most gracious and free pardon, for his and their liues, lands, liberties, goods, and possessions. The same promise to be fully satisfied and performed, in manner and forme as aforesaid. In witness wherof, I the Lord Deputie and Councell aforesaid, haue subscribed our names. Giuen ather Maiesties Castle of Dublin the 22. of Nouember. 1600.

Adam Dublin, C.

George Cary.

George Bourchier.

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Rich. Wingfield.

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God sauе the Queene.